

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of April 15, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the following Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit recitation of the "single point", and to specify that the printhead comprises adjacently disposed printhead modules each having rows of printing nozzles and different printing widths and that the printer controller supplies the dot data to the printhead modules such that the difference in the printing widths and any relative skew between adjacent nozzle rows at the transition between the printhead modules are at least partially compensated for. Support for this amendment can be found in pending claims 13-15 and at page 527, line 2-page 530, line 2 of the present specification;

dependent claim 7 is amended to conform with amended claim 1;

dependent claims 13-15 are cancelled; and

dependent claims 2-6, 8-12 and 16-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

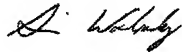
Regarding 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-12 and 16-18 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed or suggested by newly cited Otsuki et al. (US 2001/0005212) either alone or in view of any one or more of previously cited Askren, Dings, Hackleman, Kamoshida, Walmsley, Usui, King and Morita and/or newly cited Barinaga et al. (US 6,595,619), because none of these cited references teaches or suggests a printer controller for compensating for both relative nozzle row skew and printing width difference between adjacently disposed printhead modules in the manner recited in the claimed invention. In particular, Usui (cited by the Examiner with respect to pending dependent claim 14) specifically discloses an arrangement in which the different lengths of the ejection units are not compensated for but are used to provide elongate ejection rows (see abstract).

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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